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### **Upper Marlboro Man Pleads Guilty to Theft of Woman's Car at I-95 Rest Area**

An Upper Marlboro man was sentenced to six years in prison for the 2015 theft of a woman's car at an I-95 rest area. Donte Antonio Kelly, 26, of the 2800 block of Citrus Lane pleaded guilty to theft between \$10,000 and \$100,000 before Howard County Circuit Court Judge Mary M. Kramer Thursday afternoon.

At 12:30 a.m. on August 13, 2015, Maryland State Police were dispatched to a rest area along southbound I-95 near Route 32 where the woman stated that a man, posing as an undercover police officer, demanded to search her car. Once the woman and her grandson got out of the vehicle the suspect drove off with her car.

Assistant State's Attorney Scott Hammond told the court that Arlington County, Va. police recovered the vehicle and arrested three men, including Kelly, who confessed to the theft after he was read his Miranda rights prior to interrogation. Hammond stated that Kelly had eight prior convictions, six of which were misdemeanors.

Judge Kramer sentenced Kelly to 15 years in prison, suspending all but six years and ordered him to pay court costs. She also ordered Kelly to pay \$1200 restitution to the victim and ordered him to undergo drug evaluation, testing and treatment.